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COUNTRY : MEXICO

DOI : 11 AUGUST 1976

SUBJECT : 23 SEPTEMBER COMMUNIST LEAGUE ATTACK AGAINST THE
SISTER OF PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSE LOPEZ-PORTILLO

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SOURCE :

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1. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THE TERRORIST
OPERATION AGAINST MARGARITA LOPEZ-PORTILLO, THE
SISTER OF PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSE LOPEZ-PORTILLO, WHICH

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OCCURRED ON 11 AUGUST 1976 IN MEXICO CITY, WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE 23 SEPTEMBER COMMUNIST LEAGUE (LEAGUE) WITH THE INTENTION OF KILLING HER AND NOT WITH KIDNAPING IN MIND AS THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE STATED. THE ATTACK OCCURRED ON A BUSY, TWO-WAY STREET, NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO SEPARATE HER CAR FROM THAT OF THE BODYGUARDS, AND THERE WAS NO "ESCAPE CAR" EMPLOYED BY THE TERRORISTS. INSTEAD, ON A SIGNAL FROM DAVID J I M E N E Z SARMIENTO, THE LEADER OF THE LEAGUE WHO WAS KILLED IN THE ATTACK, THE TERRORISTS BEGAN FIRING ON THE TWO CARS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET.

JIMENEZ WAS RUNNING TO MISS LOPEZ-PORTILLO'S CAR FIRING A PISTOL WHEN HE WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY ONE OF THE WOUNDED BODYGUARDS. ALL OF THE ATTACKERS FLED ON FOOT, RUNNING IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

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COMMENT: THIS ESCAPE WAS WELL-PLANNED AND COORDINATED BETWEEN
THOSE IN THE JAIL AND LEAGUE MEMBERS ON THE OUTSIDE AND WAS
CONSIDERED A MAJOR SET-BACK TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST
THE LEAGUE.)

IF JIMENEZ HAD NOT BEEN KILLED, THERE WOULD HAVE EXISTED CON-
SIDERABLE PUBLIC SPECULATION THAT "OTHER FORCES" WERE BEHIND
THE KILLING.

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